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## **BIZ SAFE FORUM SUCCESS**

Around 80 members of the local community attended the BizSafe Forum in Eastwood this week. The meeting was facilitated to update business operators and community leaders on programs, future plans and new strategies to address safety matters raised by the members of the community.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale said: “Council is committed to providing a safe environment for all and works closely with the local Police and agencies to monitor and update strategies that help make a safer community.

“Council invests a lot of resources in ensuring our public spaces are safe and welcoming and awareness programs are effective.

“Community safety is an important issue that impacts all who live, work and do business in the City of Ryde and ongoing dialogue between all the parties is the way forward. “

Highlights of the forum include:

- Update on the relationship between Council and the Police in developing crime prevention strategies
- How the Police rely on community members to report crime and the tools available for them to report crime
- Importance of effective security arrangements for cash handling businesses and staff
- Recent statistics that identify the City of Ryde as having one of the lowest crime rates in the State
- Recent success in apprehending criminals
- Current investigations and details of uniformed and undercover Police officers operating in the area
- How the Council’s Night Time Economy action plan is helping to activate town centres including how creative lighting installation contribute to safer places
- Request for a more visible Police uniformed presence in Eastwood.

*Photo: BizSafe Forum in Eastwood with Chantha Mau, Multicultural Community Liaisons Officer, Detective Inspector Glyndwr Baker, and Superintendent John Duncan from the Ryde Local Area Command, Mayor Jerome Laxale, Clr Simon Zhou and Crime Prevention Officers Senior Constable Shane Carne and Senior Constable Julie Lewis.*

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